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THE weakness of the policy which has led to the establishment of a Chinese Consulate in Hongkong is displayed in the statement that the appointment has been agreed to for one year "as" should be withdrawn at the end of that time if the appointment should be found not to work well. Any one with the least common sense might have foreseen that for the first year, perhaps for several years, the Consulate would be conducted irresponsibly. The immediate business in hand will be to insert the thin end of the wedge with much gentleness as to give no cause for complaint. Not until suspicion has been allayed, and a solid foundation laid, will the Consul begin to exercise his functions as "spy and counter-spy" of the Chinese Government. To suppose that there will in the long run be no squabbling would be as absurd as to suppose that the milk in a dairy would remain untouched with the cat looked in. Squeezing is inherent in the Chinese disposition, and will be exercised wherever circumstances admit of it. And in Hongkong the circumstances are such that the abuse is inevitable. The attempts to squeeze the late Mr. Kwok Achong, as well as the numerous illegal arrests that have been made on British territory, ought to be sufficient warning against giving the Chinese authorities a recognised footing in the island. In the despatch of Sir Richard Macdonnell on the suggested establishment of a Consulate here in 1893, His Excellency said:-"Of course the further a colony might be from China, the less easy would be the espionage and influence which can be so directly and promptly brought to bear on residents of an island almost touching Chinese soil. Thus, at Singapore there would be less danger and inconvenience of increasing by the appointment of a recognised Government official as Consul, the influence of the Cantonese or other Chinese authorities there." Yet we know that, during the Franco-Chinese troubles an attempt was made by the Chinese Government through the Consul at Singapore to levy a squeeze on the Chinese residents there in support of the war. The gentleman who was Consul at the time was Mr. T. P. Lero, who is now to be transferred to Hongkong. If such an attempt was made

at Singapore, how much more likely are similar attempts to be made in this Colony.

For any legitimate purpose of the Chinese Government a Consul at Hongkong is unnecessary. So far as the protection of the Chinese revenue is concerned, the Colony has already assented to arrangements by which the Foreign branch of the Chinese Imperial Maritime Customs is afforded facilities for the collection of the duties justly payable on goods imported into China from Hongkong. Those arrangements have proved mutually beneficial. Smuggling has been discouraged and legitimate trade thereby promoted, and the Colony has every reason to be satisfied with the agreement arrived at in 1886. The Customs service as now organised commands the public confidence, and no fear is entertained as to its being used for questionable purposes. The Chinese revenue being thus sufficiently protected, and protection of the revenue was the only plea put forward in 1869-70, why necessity can there be for a Consul? Is it to give protection and render assistance to the Chinese subjects in this Colony? If so, why for the Chinese subjects? The assistance the Consul will give them will simply be in ascertaining the extent to which they can be squeezed, and if they do not pay up pleasantly the screw will be turned on through their families on the mainland. No more serious blow could well be struck at the well-being of the Chinese population than the establishment of a Chinese Consulate in this Colony, and the damage to British prestige will be disastrous. By the ignorant natives it is still believed that Europeans are allowed to reside here only by the grace of His Imperial Majesty the Emperor of China; with the establishment of a Chinese Yamen in the Colony flaunting the dragon flag this impression will be further confirmed, and the Chinese Authorities will find it little more difficult to levy their exactions here than at Canton. For one year the Colony must put up with the new arrangement, but during that period no effort ought to be spared by the community to secure from the home Government a reversal of their most lamentable decision.

The Portuguese gunboat *Diogo* left Shanghai on the morning of the 23rd ult. for Japan.

There were 1,985 visitors to the City Hall Museum last week, of whom 323 were Europeans.

Weather permitting, there will be a game of polo at Cantonway Bay at half-past five this afternoon.

During the six months ended the 30th June the arrivals of Chinese at Manila numbered 6,224 and the departures 854.

The U. S. gunboat *Albatross* arrived at Hong Kong on the 23rd ult. and took up a berth at the west of Galle Hill.

The departure of the P. M. steamer *City of Peking* for San Francisco has been postponed until daylight to-morrow.

The 3rd class steam screw cruiser *Palas*, 8,000 tons, has been ordered to join the China Station. She is to be commanded by Captain Angus Macleod.

The Agents (Messrs. Dowell, Ogilby & Co.) inform us that the *Shiro Line* steamer *Madras* will leave Singapore to-morrow and is due here on the 12th inst.

In the last news item on Saturday and reported yesterday's issue the A. & S. crew was a crew picked from the whole Regiment but from the 1st Battalion only.

A special meeting of the Patent Ship Co. of Manila has been called for the purpose of discussing the proposed increase of the capital from \$50,000 to \$100,000.

Overture "Zampa"..... Herold. Valo..... "Euphonia"..... Waldron. Selection "The Love Chord"..... Sullivan. Selection "Ray"..... Sullivan.

According to the *Hu-pao* there was during the week ending last week a serious riot at the ridge factory at Wanchow. The riot was a little provoked on the premises and the building was of iron, the damage extended to only one apartment. The men were killed outright, but a crowd was held back and there was only slight loss of his recovery.

The Shanghai *Mercantile* says that the Wanchow Magistrate has issued a proclamation offering rewards for the apprehension of the leaders of those concerned in the recent robberies, arson, murder, and other crimes of the rioters. A reward of \$400 is offered for the chief of the desperadoes, \$300 for the second, \$200 for the third, and \$100 each for a lot of fourth-rate leaders.

A Shanghai native paper states that Victory Lin of Nanking had despatched a special officer to check the illicit traffic in salt. The salt tax is a very important source of revenue, which large numbers of people all over the country make a great deal of money out of by smuggling. Whenever a party of soldiers are sent against the smugglers, they are often overpowered by the soldiers, and the money they have taken is not forthcoming. Up to the present, however, the soldiers have been provided with blank cartridges only for their conflict with the smugglers, but Victory Lin has now ordered that the soldiers shall set out against the smugglers in full armor with good guns and plenty of real ammunition, which they are not to spare when it comes to fighting.

The *Shen-pao* says:-The Board of Revenue have forwarded a memorial to the Throne requesting the remission for the construction of the railway to be sent by every province to the capital. The Board represent that, as this fund is for so important a purpose, every province must send the amount it sets aside for railway matters punctually. Some time ago one of the Imperial princes, accompanied by some officials, inspected the proposed route for the railway in Manchuria, and memorialized the Throne on the subject. The Emperor subsequently, on the 13th of the 2nd moon, through his report with his observations, directed the Board of Revenue to instruct the Grand Council for consideration. The Board in turn have sent extracts from the document to all the high provincial officials, urging them to forward the money to be sent to the Board of Revenue. The Board of Revenue finally prays that if their suggestions meet with His Majesty's approval, he will graciously send them home.

The *Mercantile* is informed that "General" Johnson, 31, is in custody at Pootung, and that his relatives are making strenuous efforts to free him of his financial embarrassments.

A private telegram was received at Nagasaki on the 30th June, announcing the decision in the case of Dennoy's office and account. The case of Dennoy's office and account was decided in favor of the plaintiff, who was awarded \$1,000 and costs. Mr. Dennoy was the editor of the *Japan Gazette*, having been engaged for a term of years by the plaintiff. He was a very successful journalist.

The *Nagasaki Express* of the 1st July says:-We regret to hear that the latest news from the *Takachiho Maru* is such as to render it very doubtful whether she will ever be got afloat again. In our last issue we stated that the *Takachiho Maru* was reported to have been wrecked off the coast of Japan in a day or two, providing weather permitted. Unfortunately, however, a gale was experienced on the 23rd and 24th ult., causing considerable further damage to the ship, and it is now believed that she will never be got afloat again.

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